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REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application is anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants acknowledge and express their appreciation for the indication in the Office Action that claims 12-19 and 21-28 contain allowable subject matter, "if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims".

In response, the Applicants have amended independent claims 11 and 20 to include the limitations of claims 14 and 23, respectively, which the Examiner has indicated as being allowable. Claims 15-19 and 24-28 have been amended to depend from amended claims 11 and 20, respectively. Furthermore, the Applicants have added new claims 29-32 to present the limitations of claims 12-13 and 21-22 in independent form, which the Examiner has also indicated as being allowable. Claims 12-14 and 21-23 have been cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted that in light of this amendment, the Applicants' independent claims 11, 20 and 29-32, as well as any claims depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of the presented claims are now in allowable form.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 11 AND 20 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11 and 20 stand rejected as being anticipated by the Saleh patent (United States Patent No. 6,856,627, issued February 15, 2005, hereinafter "Saleh"). In response, the Applicants have amended independent claims 11 and 20 in order to more clearly recite aspects of the present invention.

Specifically, the Applicants have amended independent claims 11 and 20 to include the limitations of claims 14 and 23, respectively, which the Examiner indicated as allowable in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the

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rejection of claims 11 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is moot.

III. CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicants submit that all of the presented claims fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.


If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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